APPENDIX G.

BILLS NOT TAKEN UP.

IX. Statement of the General Principles of a Private Bill to enforce Legislation Suppressing Prostitution in the State of Mysore.

ADVANTAGES OF THE BILL.

(1) It expresses the State's disapproval of the immoral traffic in women. It strengthens the hands of those who are to combat this evil, and also helps to form public opinion on this question.

(2) It aims at the minimum amount of legislation necessary; for the question of public immorality can never be finally solved by legislation.

(3) It aims at the punishment first, of the man or woman who keeps a brothel; and second, at the trafficker, man or woman, who buys and sells girls and women. No decent citizen would countenance this traffic.

(4) Similar Bills have been introduced in the other main cities of India—Madras has already got such an Act and Travancore is bringing in one.

(5) Under the Association for Moral and Social Hygiene, Mysore, this work of suppressing immoral traffic in the State and rooting out prostitution has been carried on along many lines, *e.g.*, educational, medical and legal. Therefore, it is confidently hoped that by the time the Bill becomes law, there will be a strong public opinion to support it and help to carry it on its course.

(6) It will be seen that one of the conditions of the working of the Bill is the establishment of an Ashram to which these minor girls removed from brothels under the Act can be sent for education and vocational training. The Association is working for this Ashram and will have it ready with the help of Government by the time the Bill becomes law.

(7) It may be objected that this evil of commercialised vice is not prevalent enough to call for a legal measure. The objection can only be made by those who are not familiar with the real state of things in the Mysore State in these matters. While it is not prevalent to the extent that it is elsewhere, why need we wait for a state of things to be reached, which reformers and politicians in these places find to be utterly baffling?

(8) Some may object that this Bill will affect the Devadasis. Certainly, one of the effects will be to promote marriage among them. This is happening in Madras with very good effect.

REGULATION No. / OF 193 .

A Regulation to enforce Legislation Suppressing Prostitution in the State of Mysore.

Whereas it is expedient to enforce the law regarding prostitution in the State of Mysore, it is hereby enacted as follows:—

SHORT TITLE.

1. (*a*) This Regulation may be called the Mysore Prevention of Prostitution Regulation of 193 .

EXTENT.

(*b*) This Section, Section 6, Section 8 (*c*), Section 9, and Section 12 shall extend to the whole of the Mysore Province. The rest of this Regulation shall extend in the first instance to the cities of Bangalore and Mysore, but the Government may, by notification, extend to any other local area all or any of its provisions, with such verbal modifications as, having regard to the principles of this Regulation, may be necessary for the purposes of such extension.

DEFINITIONS.

2. In this Regulation, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context—

'Brothel' means any house, room, or place, or any part thereof which the occupier or person in charge thereof